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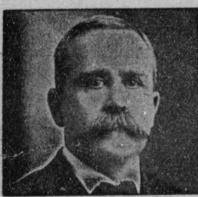
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FALSE ILLUSSIONS AREDISPELLED

People everywhere are beginning realize the importance and benefit of missions to non-Catholics, now being given throughout the country S. J. MCELLIOTT + tucky Irish American readers will be interested in the following account of the missionary work of the Rev. Father Xavier Sutton, of the Sacred Heart Retreat, this city, in Mt. Carmel, Ill.:

PASSIONIST

Conducts First Catholic Mission

Held at Mt. Carmel,

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Much Favorable Comment Be-

ing Heard Among Non-

Catholics.

His Arguments Carry Convic-

tion to the Hearts of His

Hearers.

It was with considerable re-luctance and feeling of misgiving that Rev. F. H. Budde, parish priest of St. Mary's church, where the mission was given, took this step, as nothing of the kind had ever been undertaken in that immediate locality. From the first night it was apparent, however, that no mistake had been made, for the copious church was more than filled, and many were obliged to turn away. being unable to gain entrance. Interest continued to increase through the entire week, and many non-Catholics availed themselves of this rare opportunity to inform themof the teachings of Holy Mother Church. A unique as well as interesting and instructive feature of the lecture was the question box, which was kept in the vestibule of the church by Father Sutton, for the benefit of those having "knotty points" which troubled them. Many availed themselves of this opportunity to obtain light on various phases of Catholic doctrine and teaching. Some of these questions were couched in such language as to suggest criticism of the church, but Father Sutton proved himself equal to the emergency and all were answered in an able and scholarly manner and with the utmost fairness and candor, and in a way to draw the critical toward the church rather than widen the gulf by arousing the combative disposition more or less prevalent in the nature of every

Father Sutton's lectures were all ST. DOMINIC'S ABBEY, CASHEL. mely and on and calculated to invite the attenof non-Catholics to the essential doctrines of the Catholic church, and correct perhaps honest false impression which many not of the fold have concerning the teachings and doctrines of the church on questions of domestic belief as well as novels. While each of the lectures was of the greatest importance and surpassing interest, there were three which are deserving of special mention. These were "Purgatory," 'Marriage and Divorce" and "Quo The titles of the two former are suggestive of the subject matter. The latter was a scholarly exposition of the fallacy of the com monly accepted doctrine of Protestant denominations of accepting the Bible as the sole rule of faith and private interpretation of the The historical facts Scriptures. cited and the able arguments of Father Sutton in support of the teaching of the church on these questions were unanswerable and so owerful as to carry conviction the heart of the listener. After each lecture Father Sutton some literature on Catholic doctrines and teachings, which was

eagerly sought by many. Much favorable comment was, and is being heard among the non-Cath olics of Mt. Carmel as to the entire series of lectures. One prominen citizen, who while not a member of any church yet is of Methodist Episcopal extraction, after hearing the lecture on purgatory said: "I feel convinced that there is a middle state for the cleansing of the soul after death, whether you call it purgatory or some other name. Another said that he had never be fore fully realized the import of the passage of Scripture in which Christ gave his apostles power to forgive sins, and that after hearing Father For lives thus spent from earthly Sutton lecture on "Can Man Forgive Sin" he was convinced that no other construction could be placed on the Scripture. Another said that his favorite belief, that an all merciful God could not condemn one of his creatures to everlasting hell fire was completely shattered after hearing the lecture on "Is There a Hell?"

The lecture "Quo Vadis" was bomb in the camp of those who felt It lives the power of God alone, that they were securely intrenched in hearts of men He finds a home; behind the Bible as the sole rule of You erush the altar, wreck the The indisputable historical fact which has never occurred to sixty-four years after the death Christ, and not compiled until 393 vears after Christ's death, proved for many a most convincing argument that the Bible could not be accepted as the sole rule of faith. coldest hour of the twenty-four in Father Sutton's closing lecture on nearly at seasons of the year. 'Why I Am a Catholic' was a masterly exposition of the "ear marks" family lamp. And the weerly pa-per—filled with all good, season-able, winnowed "things of the mind" out in a clear, forcible and practical nt in a clear, forcible and practical manner that the church of Christ must be one, universal or catholic. and anostolic. He pointed out to his hearers in a most emphatic manthe household, sets up the best ideals and passes an increasing pleasure around to every one of us. Do not be without this boon. It comes to you with each issue of this lit is yet too early to know just.

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exerted by the mission will prove to be. Buc it has aiready prougue about a better understanding among on-calnolics as to the things los which the Catholic chuich scanus, ally alspeiled many of the illusions alle lake notions extant concerning the church, and II housing more were accomplished this leads is Well worth the effort. After a time it is noped that the seed that has been sown will bring torch fruit a hundred fold. Father Sutton is posseased of a pleasing personality and commanding presence, which combined with his scholarly attainments and gift of natural eloquence, together with his earnessness and s.ncerity and the sublimity of the divine mission, which with the grace of God he is so nobly performing and to which he has been called, fits him in a peculiar manner for the great work he is doing. And many times during his lectures it may be said that "Fools who came to scoff remained to pray."

the mission come to a close, and ground on which the new altar will with sorrow in their hearts they his labor in other fields to which the covered platform near the corhe has been called.

This ancient, modest abbey stands, Like others scattered through our land. in peace and quietness here I dream

And think of what thou once hast been; And think of saints who once did dwell

in days now past within thy cell, Where friar and monk and priest once trod, And poured their souls unto their

That day is o'er, the years are gone, Since Dominic's sons intoned their And told their beads in words sub-

In this old abbey at evening time. Who raised thee in this humble

spot? Among the poor and lowly cot, From lordly hall and wealth's display,

In solitude you passed your day. So like an unassuming flower, You live unnoticed hour by hour, Save when some mortal his last rest distributed He takes among thy poor and blest; Then only some observant eye Can see thy beauty, heave a sigh And gaze with love's admiring gaze Upon this relic of former days.

> Where are the faithful who flocked here

in times of trouble and of fear, When persecution's bloody hand Outraged the noblest in the land And drove far off by Rhine or Rhone St. Dominic's sons, exiled from home?

Beneath the grass some found a In their loved abbey's holy shade, Unknown but to their Master Lord, Who'll mete to them their last re-

ward dross, Those noble heroes of the cross.

Inquenched that faith, it liveth still, Unchecked by sword or human will, its branches spread like mighty

Until its bounds no man can see The throne may sink, the empire fall, Not all is great in purple pall;

Not yet has come the final hourthem, that a portion of the New Phat Gospel light will still endure Testament was not written until in shrines like Dominic's in the -F. Phillips. Moor.

COLD HOUR.

Five o'clock in the morning is the

CHINESE CATHOLICS.

The latest statistics of the church in the Chinese Empire, including Mongolia and Thibet, announce 1,210,000 Chinese Catholics and that you will hurry with your dedi-390,000 catechumens. These are nder the care of forty-five Bishops, 1,424 European and 631 native press. In Korea there are 68,000 Ca holies, under the care of a Bishop, forty-seven European and It is yet too early to know just Bishop, forty-seven how far reaching the power for good ten native pries's.

THOUSANDS

Witness Cornerstone Laying of St. Charles Borromeo Church.

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Father Raffo Sees Realization of His Long Cherished Hopes.

STARS AND STBIPES WAVED

With the sun shining brightly and surrounded by thousands the Right Rev. Bishop O'Donaghue last Sunday laid the cornerstone for the new St. Charles Borromeo church at Twenty-seventh and Chestnut streets. The ceremonies were mos beautiful and impressive, and were conducted with the Stars and Stripes floating above all. Bishop O'Donaghue was assisted by the Very Rev. James P. Cronin, Vicar General of the diocese and assitant priest at the ceremonies; the Rev. Thomas W. White, deacon; the Rev. Francis Felton, subdeacon; the Rev. O. Ackermann, master of ceremonies; the Rev. H. Jansen, cross bearer; Father Raffo, and the Rev. Fathers Edward W. Boes and Cyril Van de Pitte, acolytes.

Long before the ceremonies the crowd began to gather, and at 3 o'clock, when the Bishop and his attendants left Father Raffo's residence, the streets were crowded with a sea of people. Bishop O'Donaghue wore the purple and gold vestments of his office and carried the shepherd's staff. Behind came his attendants, the long line of priests and the procession of altar boys, clad in their purple cassocks and white lace surplices. Mingled with the lacy vestments of the priests were the somber habits of the members of Franciscan and Dominican orders. As the procession filed out every hat was raised and heads were bowed in reverence. From the the Bishop parochial residence marched to the site of the altar of the new church, where a wooden cross had been erected, and here the It was with sincere regret that that good people of Mt. Carmel saw the mission come to rest was sanctified. After this service the procession nerstone. There was no music durceremonies and multitude of people maintained a

reverent silence. blessed the Bishop took the buckets cement and these also were blessed with the prayers of the church. Then he gave the sign to the workmen and the heavy stone was swung into the air. After the workmen had spread a large part of the mortar, Bishop O'Donaghue took a silver trowel and put on the finishing touches. Father Raffo also took a hand and threw in a bit of the mixture. Bishop O'Donaghue then directed the stone into place and with the silver trowel scratched the sign of the cross upon it. This ended the laying of the cornerstone ceremony and the Rev. Richard Wurth, O. F. M., began the chanting of the Litany of the Saints, to which the assembled clergy responded. At the close of the Litany and prayers for the conversion of sinners, pros fare of the nation, Bishop O'Donaghue led the procession around the foundations of the new church. As be did so the stones were sprinkled with holy water and the blessing of the Almighty was invoked. When the procession was finished, the Bishop returned to the platform and a solemn thanksgiving was offered to God for the progress of the work on the new church, with a prayer that it may be brought to a successful close.

After these ceremonies Bishop O'Donaghue went to the front of the platform, in plain view of the growd, and delivered a splendid address that could be heard even by those at the outer edge of the

At 5 o'clock Father Raffo entertained the visiting priests at dinner in honor of Bishop O'Donaghue. The dinner was served in the schoolhouse, and only two speeches were made, those of the Bishop and Father Raffo, who said: "This is the happiest day of my life, for now I ee a long and beautiful dream comng to a realization. I have held before me all these years the hope that one day we would move out of the little wooden church into a hurch that was worthy of my peo-

Today the first step has been taken and before long we shall back again to complete the work. Right Reverend Bishop, I want to thank you especially. You have come here today and have made the sacrifice of standing out, exposed to the wind, so that you might bless our cornerstone. I shall treasure this day as long as I live and never shall I forget your servces or those of my beloved brothers of the clergy. My people, I shall tell them of my joy as I meet them n their homes, but they need no word to know how happy I am." In response Bishop O'Donaghue said: "Father Raffo, we deserve no in France is twenty-three gallons

praise for coming here today. I am pleased to be here not only to honor you but to help in the erection of another church to the worshp of the blesed Master, whose servants we are. I am pleased to be your guest at this splendid dinner and hope cation so that we may come back

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